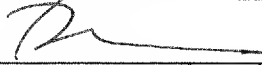


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Applicants request that the period for response in the above-identified patent application be extended three months through and including October 7, 2009, the fees for which have been paid at the time this Amendment was filed.

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: